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MISS JIMMIE LEE BLANCHETTE
... To Wed Local Man

Redmond-Blanchette Names To Be Linked in Rites March 15

Announcement is being made today of the engagement and forthcoming marriage of Miss Jimmie Lee Blanchette, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oralee Blanchette, 13131 Putman of Whittier, and Donald Edward Redmond, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Redmond, 25323 Cypress, Lomita. The wedding will be solemnized at the Breese Church of the Nazarene in Pasadena on March 15.

The bride-elect was graduated from Whittier High School and during the past semester attended Pasadena College, where she majored in music.

Mr. Redmond was graduated from Narbonne High School in 1952 and received his AB degree in religion and speech last June from Pasadena College. He is now working on his master's degree for a career in the ministry.

Corn Stompers Plan Heart Benefit, Valentine Dance

Plans for a Valentine Party on Feb. 11, and a Heart Fund dance on Feb. 18, at civic auditorium, were announced Saturday, by newly-installed, Corn Stomper's Square Dance President Bill Thompson.

Others who took office were Cletus Ferrero, vice president; Neal Sterley, secretary; and Guy Hight, treasurer.

The Corn Stompers hold regular dances on the second and fourth Saturdays. Sponsored by the city's recreation department, both co-sponsor a beginner's class that meets on Tuesdays at the auditorium. Gerald Reiser calls for both activities, as well as the teen-age square dancers that meet on Fridays.

The beginner's class started last September, graduates in the spring. Its 80-plus participants have been invited to attend the Corn Stomper's Valentine Party. This will be the beginners' first venture into an

"outside" activity as full fledged square dancers.

A week later, the Corn Stompers will hold the club's second annual Heart Fund Square Dance.

As an "open" square dance club, the doors are open at all dances to all square dancers who wish to join in the fun.

Newly appointed committee chairmen are Frances Dunne, refreshments; Herbert Shirley, special events; Al Mullere, entertainment.

SOROPTIMISTS HOLD POT-LUCK

Soroptimist International of Torrance-Gardena held a pot-luck luncheon Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Helen Parish in Hollywood Riviera. During the meeting a letter from a club member, Mrs. Helen Rodgers, librarian at El Camino College, now on Sabatical leave in Japan, was read.

Harbor General Hospital Offers Classes For Career-Minded Youths of Area

For the youth of Torrance, girls and boys between the ages of 15 and 18 years, the Harbor General Hospital has inaugurated a program under the direction of Mrs. Margaret McAllister, hospital coordinator, whereby young people may assist with duties at the hospital, gaining experience in pre-medicine and pre-nursing. High school credits will be given for as much as 10 hours a week at the hospital.

First to take advantage is a group of girls who are members of the Job's Daughters Bethel 90 of Torrance, under the guardianship of Mrs. Pearl Thayne. The girls begin their duties today at the hospital. They will be trained and supervised as nurses aides in which they will assist with moving patients, doing errands and other duties to assist the nurses. Also included in the duties will be courier service and laboratory work.

Mrs. McAllister plans to indoctrinate a new class every two weeks.

For the boys contemplating a career in medicine, laboratory technicians or as chaplain aide, a course is being inaugurated. For this program, the students may arrange their own hours after school, early evening or Saturdays and Sundays.

The group of Job's Daughters, making up the class today, will be known as "The

Candy Strippers." They have adopted pink candy striped pinafores as their official uniform. In this group are Linda Thayne, Janet Wright, Janalee Bristow, Kay Francis Smith, Esther Von Wagner, Kathy Jones and Pat Smith.

Any youths of the vicinity interested in the program may call Mrs. Pearl Thayne, 1028 W. 223rd St.

DEAFNESS CLINIC NEXT THURSDAY

Mrs. James W. Burke announced today that a Deafness Prevention clinic will be held Thursday, Feb. 9 at the clinic, 1441 West 8th St. This clinic is under the sponsorship of the Assistance League for all children of the Harbor area needing the service and who can qualify.

Mr., Mrs. Monroe At Home Here Following Honeymoon

Mr. and Mrs. Russel Dee Monroe are at home to their many friends at their newly established residence at 1229 Arlington Ave., upon their return from a honeymoon following their marriage Jan. 14.

The new Mrs. Monroe is the former Janice Virginia

Baker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kendall R. Baker Sr., of 24212 Adolph Ave., Welteria, and her bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Monroe, of 1891 262nd St., Lomita.

The couple recited double ring vows at the home of the Rev. and Mrs. Dorsey Dodson, Pasadena, with Rev. Dodson, uncle of the bride, officiating.

For her wedding, the bride wore a gray flannel suit accented with pink and white accessories and a corsage of orchids. Serving as maid of honor was Miss Sharon Monroe, sister of the bridegroom who wore navy blue, and a gardenia corsage.

Immediately following the service, a reception was held at the home of the bride's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Curt Whitaker, of 1350 Bellwood Rd., in San Marino. Their home was beautifully decorated in the bridal motif, with Miss Gretch-

on Koomsan and Mrs. Richard Doyle in charge of the serving table. Honored guests were the bride's grandmother, Mrs. Maggie Gray of Torrance and great-grandfather, Mr. J. C. Whitaker of Iowa who will be 93 years old this month.

Another reception was held the following day by Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Monroe, parents of the bridegroom at their home with Miss Nancy Maxwell, Miss Linda Baker, Mrs. David Williams and Mrs. Kay Taylor serving. Miss Sharon Monroe attended the guest book. A white decorated sheet cake topped with bridal figurines was served to the 70 guests present.

The bride will graduate this June from Torrance High School and the bridegroom was a summer graduate of the class of '54 of Narbonne High School.

VISITORS LEAVE FOR OZARK HOME

Mr. and Mrs. George Bailey of Green Forest, Ark., who have been visiting the past month in the Torrance home of their daughter, Mrs. George Reeve and family, left by bus Tuesday morning for their home.

The month of December was spent with a son, R. R. Bailey and family, near Sacramento. They were in the northern floods and arrived in Torrance for the rainy season. The Baileys formerly lived in Southern California.

While visiting here they enjoyed trips to Laguna, Doheny Park, Capistrano and visited friends in Riverside, Colton and Sun Valley.

Omicron Pi Chapter on Busy Agenda

Omicron Pi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi sorority heard a discussion by Mrs. Gordon Olson on good posture and figure correction when it met Jan. 25.

Mrs. Olson pointed out that correct posture is essential to a pleasing figure, during a program entitled, "The Body Beautiful." She went on to present exercises for the correction of poor posture and specific figure problems. During the group discussion, led by Mrs. Olson, members analyzed their individual difficulties.

Mrs. William Swisher, president, conducted the business session which preceded the program at the meeting at the home of Mrs. John Kirby, 4545 Carlson St. Mrs. Donald Heaney was selected as Omicron Pi Chapter's representative on the nominating committee of the area council currently being formed.

The new council will be made up of member chapters from Torrance, Lawndale, Hawthorne, Manhattan Beach and Gardena. Most of these chapters are currently members of either Los Angeles or Long Beach city councils. Mrs. Heaney and Mrs. Swisher will attend a second organizational meeting Feb. 27. The first was held Jan. 23, and was attended by Mrs. Swisher, Mrs. Heaney, Mrs. John D'Oonnella, Mrs. Frank Dooney and Mrs. Clayton Wells from Omicron Pi Chapter.

In other business, plans were made for a coffee klatch at the home of Mrs. Jack Hadley, 3521 Carson St., honoring newly chartered Lawndale Rho Xi Chapter. The event will take place Feb. 12, and will feature a Valentine theme.

The chapter also discussed plans to attend "The Wayward Way" as a group on Feb. 18. Mrs. Joe Halsey is in charge of completing arrangements.

Agreement by the group to take part in the coming American Cancer Society Neighborhood Crusade completed the business portion of the meeting.

Attending were Meses Swisher, Olson, Hadley, D'Oonnella, Heaney, Joe Banks, Frances Goulart, William Lewis, Joe Wolfe and John Kirby.

Mrs. Heaney will present a program, "The Garden," at the next meeting, Feb. 8, at Mrs. Banks' home, 23315 Eastwood Ct.



SEPULVEDA DESCENDANT... is getting top attention from her proud parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Walton, of 4043 W. 177 St., Torrance. Adding their admiration is a baby sister, Kathleen Rose and grandfather, Frank Sepulveda, who is a direct descendant of the famous early California settler, Joseph Constino Sepulveda after which a main boulevard in Torrance was named. (Herald Photo)

Susan Olivia, Descendant of Sepulveda Family, Prominent in California History, Is Born Here

By MILDRED HUNT

Another link has been added in the descendancy chain of the historically famous family of Joseph Constino Sepulveda, early Spanish settler of California.

The latest off-spring of the famous Spanish gentleman is the new baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth B. Walton who reside at 4043 W. 177 St., Torrance. The little miss who falls heir to a colorful heritage dating back to the days of the Spanish Dons

is Susan Olivia who arrived Dec. 31 at 3:11 in the afternoon at Torrance Memorial Hospital.

Along with her three year old sister, Kathleen Rose, the latest

Mothers Club Plans Party

Job's Daughters Mothers Club will meet Feb. 8 at the home of Mrs. Sam Van Wagner, 1747 Greenwood Ave., with Mrs. Hattie Smith as co-hostess.

After the business meeting a Valentine handkerchief exchange and party will be held.

The January meeting was held at the home of Mrs. J. P. Rowe, on 216th St. Mrs. Betty Kall was co-hostess.

Inspirational chairman, Mrs. Van Wagner, read a poem, "A Prayer to Mothers."

Mrs. John Wright, new president, conducted the business meeting.

Refreshments were served during the social hour that followed.

Sepulveda descendant will grow-up in the surroundings and land adjacent to the 49,000 acres once owned by her famous, great-great grandfather. This huge piece of land which extends from the town called Sepulveda to the San Fernando Valley was partitioned to the elder Sepulveda by a Spanish king who rewarded his soldier for their outstanding service and loyal devotion to their native country.

This land is no longer a possession of the direct descendants of the California pioneer. The baby's grandfather, Frank Sepulveda who is a retired employe of the engineering department of the City of Los Angeles and now lives on 121 St., relates the many changes which brought about the present ownership of land once owned by his great-grandfather. His mother was the former Mary Olivera, of another early California family.

Grandfather Sepulveda likes to recall the interesting phases of living in the early days of

California. He attended the old 26 Street School and was a classmate of the famous movie and TV star, Leo Carrillo whose family was also early California settlers. The movie star's father, Judge Carrillo once gave Sepulveda a job in which he earned twenty-five a day and was considered good wages in those days. Sepulveda also took part in sports and was a amateur champion of the 100 yard dash which he ran in 10 2/10 seconds.

According to Mr. Sepulveda many of the land titles which are still in confusion in California may never be cleared. It involved is the mix-up of Spanish land grants and American claims that even today in the Palos Verdes and San Pedro area there remains patches of land that are still tied up in a locked battle of ownership. He once talked with a member of the San Pedro police force who told him there remains today, seven feet located in their headquarters which has never been cleared as to proper title.

Mr. Sepulveda worked 44 years for the City of Los Angeles and helped to lay out many of the prominent streets of that city. He raised three children, two daughters and a son. One of his daughters is dead and the one living is Mrs. Walton, mother of the new baby daughter. His son is Don Sepulveda who resides at 2713 Robison in Redondo Beach. Mr. Sepulveda lived in Redondo for three years before moving to his present home on 121 St. in Los Angeles. His present home is not far from his former home on 92 St. where he lived for many years while raising his family.

Joan Reed Named North High Homemaking Contest Winner

Miss Joan Reed, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Reed, 18304 Elgar, and senior student of North High School, has been named winner of the Betty Crocker Homemaking Contest in which a number of senior students from the high school participated.

Each demonstrated her home-making knowledge and attitude by receiving the highest score for her school in a written examination which was given graduating senior girls in 10,222 of the nation's public, private and parochial high schools. Her test paper will be entered in competition with 319 school winners in this state.

The girl selected state Homemaker of Tomorrow will receive a \$1500 scholarship and a trip in April with her school advisor to Washington, colonial Williamsburg, Va., and Philadelphia where the national winner will be selected from the state winners. The scholarship of the All-American Homemaker of Tomorrow will be increased to \$5000.

Each state runner-up will receive a \$500 scholarship.

"The purpose of this program, now in its second year, is to encourage young women to think seriously and realistically about the responsibility of the home and family as a career," said Harry A. Bullis, chairman of the board of General Mills.

"Our corporation has a social responsibility over and above the sale of products and services — an obligation to help create happy homes."

The written test, designed by Science Research Associates of Chicago and administered by the schools, tested the participants in 10 major areas of homemaking — family relationship, spiritual and moral values, child development and care, health and safety, utilization and conservation of human and physical resources, money management, recreation, home care, community participation and continuing education.

A profile chart was provided participating schools for pre-test study of these homemaking categories, and each girl

who took the test received a homemaking vocational guidance booklet. Each school winner was awarded a golden pin designed by Trifari and her school will receive a cook book.



JOAN REED
... North High Homemaker



USING THEIR CREATIVE TALENTS... Members of the Torrance Recreation Adult Club are enjoying a Floral Class held each Tuesday morning from 9 until noon at the clubhouse, 1318 Cravens Ave. Pictured enjoying the delightful recreation are from left, Mrs. Minnie Foreman, 1322 En-

gracia; Mrs. Grace Griffin, 1226 Greenwood, instructor; Mrs. M. R. Hall, 1314 Marcella; and Mrs. Florence Hamilton 1251 Cabrillo. Mrs. Maude Jepsen is entertainment chairman. The classes are free and members and non-members are invited to join in this weekly recreational project.